

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]****Adopted and Filed Without Notice**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services hereby amends Chapter 92, "IowaCare," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment updates the sliding scale used to determine premiums for medical assistance benefits under the IowaCare program. This scale is updated annually to reflect the most recent federal poverty level guidelines for the household size and to continue the limit on all premiums to less than 5 percent of the household income. If there is one IowaCare member in the household, the premium amount is calculated at 3.5 percent of the lowest income level in each 10 percent increment of the federal poverty level for a household of one. The federal poverty level for a household of two is used if there are two or more IowaCare members in the household. Households with income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level are not assessed a premium.

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on May 11, 2011.

In compliance with Iowa Code section 17A.4(3), the Department finds that notice and public participation are unnecessary because this amendment merely publishes the results of the application of an adopted methodology which is based on figures that are not under the Department's control.

The IowaCare program allows members to request a hardship exemption monthly in lieu of sending in the billed amount, in effect waiving the premium.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249J.8.

This amendment will become effective on July 6, 2011.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend paragraph **92.7(1)"a"** as follows:

*a.* The monthly premium is based on the household's countable monthly income as a percentage of the federal poverty level for a household of that size. If there is more than one IowaCare member in a household, a single premium is established for coverage of all of the members in the household. Effective for applications and recertifications received on or after ~~October 1, 2010~~ June 1, 2011, premiums are as follows:

When there is one IowaCare member in the household and the household's income is at or below:	The member's premium amount is:
150% of federal poverty level	\$0
160% of federal poverty level	<del>\$47</del> <u>\$50</u>
170% of federal poverty level	<del>\$50</del> <u>\$54</u>
180% of federal poverty level	<del>\$53</del> <u>\$57</u>
190% of federal poverty level	<del>\$56</del> <u>\$60</u>
200% of federal poverty level	<del>\$60</del> <u>\$63</u>

When there are two or more IowaCare members in the household and the household's income is at or below:	The household's premium amount is:
150% of federal poverty level	\$0
160% of federal poverty level	<del>\$63</del> <u>\$68</u>
170% of federal poverty level	<del>\$68</del> <u>\$72</u>
180% of federal poverty level	<del>\$72</del> <u>\$77</u>
190% of federal poverty level	<del>\$76</del> <u>\$81</u>
200% of federal poverty level	<del>\$80</del> <u>\$85</u>

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